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EMO honors the Climate Action Coalition with “Vollum Ecumenical Humanitarian Award”

Climate Action Coalition (CAC) will be honored with the “Vollum Ecumenical Humanitarian Award” on May 18, 2016, at the *Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) Annual Community Awards & Celebration Dinner*. The award is presented in recognition of the coalition’s leadership in enhancing the quality of life for all in Oregon.

Climate Action Coalition is an alliance of community-based organizations dedicated to confronting the causes and effects of climate change. The coalition strives to unite and enable all communities to achieve climate justice through nonviolent direct action, civil disobedience, grassroots organizing and public education. Coalition members include 350px, First Unitarian Church of Portland’s Community for Earth, Heal Our Planet Earth (HOPE), Our Children’s Trust, PDX Bike Swarm, People of the Heart, Portland Rising Tide, Raging Grannies PDX, and Sustainable Energy and Economy Network. CAC works to stop the building of new fossil fuel infrastructure in the Northwest and to prevent all fossil fuel from being shipped through the area. Members of the coalition recognize that global warming is a justice issue and a moral issue to which people of faith are called.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s annual event is a joyful celebration of our shared commitment to compassion, justice and goodness of God’s creation. More than 400 faith and community leaders come together in a spirit of hope and service, honoring past successes, pledging ourselves to work for a healthy and equitable Oregon, and applauding outstanding individuals and organizations who are guided by their faith to serve Oregonians in need.

This year, the event will be held on May 18 at the Hilton Portland, 921 SW Sixth Ave. A reception and silent auction to benefit EMO’s ministries will be held from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and the dinner and award presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m. Reservations, available at www.emoregon.org, are \$100 per person or

\$1,000 per table of 10. For more information, call Carla Starrett-Bigg at (503) 221-1054, ext. 275, or csbigg@emoregon.org.

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon is a statewide association of Christian denominations, congregations, ecumenical organizations and interfaith partners working together to improve the lives of Oregonians through community ministry programs, ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, environmental ministry and public policy advocacy.